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For: FUEL ASSEMBLY AND NUCLEAR REACTOR

TO 3600 MAIL ROOM

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 24, 52 and 56 as follows:

24. (thrice amended) A method for operating a nuclear reactor having a reactor vessel, a plurality of fuel assemblies loaded in a core arranged inside the reactor vessel, wherein each of said plurality of fuel assemblies includes a plurality of fuel rods and at least one water rod therein, and a pump which regulates a flow rate of coolant